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Warnemuende

1. The Soviet icebreaker "Popovich" went out for a trial run on 6 December, returning on the 10th. After minor alterations, she left again on the 20th.
2. The Soviet freighter "Ryasan", home port Riga, left Warnemuende on 9 December with a load of machinery parts for Techno-Import Moscow.
3. The Soviet freighter "Volochevles" arrived on 9 December in ballast, and left on 13 December with a cargo for Techno-Import. She is from Tallinn.
4. The Soviet ship "Yakutskaya", lying at the Warnow yard, has received her new deck-houses.
5. The "Rus", formerly "Cordillera", has 50 ton cargo booms, and hold one has been enlarged to some 10 x 15 m. The ship has been very luxuriously decorated, the music salon has ornaments covered with gold-leaf. After several acts of sabotage, not much progress has been made on the engine installation. The ship was to be ready for Stalin's birthday, but has not yet made a trial trip.
6. Boiler tubes are still lacking for the "Sovietski Soyuz", formerly "Hansa". The Russian crew is very uncomfortable over having to remain so long in the yard.
7. There are MT-boats, small Soviet coastal mine-sweepers, pinnace-built, at Warnemuende, armed with a 17 mm. automatic gun. Two of them are ready, 14 are still being worked on.

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8. POS 130, Captain Schulto, was damaged by a gale and forced to run into Listerfjord. She has been sent to the repair yard at Stralsund.
9. The drifter "Aktivist" is in for repairs after having been grounded on the Danish coast. Only the fish rooms prevented the ship from sinking, but she reached Stralsund under her own power. Captain Neusch lost his license for two years.
10. On the grounds of the Warnemuende Hochseeschiff Yard, between the old basin of the Warnow Yard and the new drydock, 10 assembly buildings of medium size are going up. Buildings 9 and 6 are ready for occupancy. Building 3 will be complete in 3 weeks, and the foundations are in for buildings 1, 2 and 4. According to engineers working on the project a vein is reached at a depth of 9 m. which has almost the hardness of concrete. It has to be blasted out.

Rostock

11. On 15 December the Volkseigener Betrieb (VEB) Schiffselektrik took over its new building.
12. The drifter building program for 1952 includes only 400 HP drifters. Construction of the 300 HP drifters is to be stopped. The new series will be called the B 7 series. 400 HP motors are now being tested, but engineers say they are not ready for mass production and that Czech motors will be ordered from Skoda.

Wismar

13. The Mathias Thesen Yard reached its plan quota to 108%; but the separate "friendship orders" were only 85% filled. At present, 7 Soviet ships are under repair. In the coming year the yard is to undertake new construction on ships all the way up to 12,000 T. Work has been finished on both the new slips, and a drydock for 12,000 T. ships has been ordered.

Stralsund

14. On 21 November, the first of the new trawlers made its second trial run with many representatives from press and government aboard. The ship, which is equipped with a 970 HP Momag motor, reached a steady 12.7 kts and, [redacted] was not driven all out. She was steered with the emergency rudder, as there was trouble with the main steering gear. She has a draft of 5.4 m. with full fuel bunkers but no load. Her entry impressed nautical people very favorably. She is about 56 m. long, with a tonnage of some 450. She can easily be converted into an escort vessel, mounting two 105 mm. guns, but would have to be much altered for minelaying service.

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